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BOERS THREATEN PORTUGAL

Rumor that a Request Has Been Made of England for Assistance.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—It is reported in London that the Boers, commanded by Blakeney, are threatening Lorenzo Marques and that Portugal has requested British assistance. It is further asserted that a British squadron has been ordered to Lorenzo Marques. No official confirmation of the report is obtainable.

It became known that the British had received semi-official confirmation that the Boers were threatening Lorenzo Marques and that the British authorities were asking for assistance.

The Boers referred to in the London dispatch is probably John V. Pimmore Blake, who is in command of a regiment of Irish and American rough riders in the service of the Transvaal. Blake, who is an old West Pointer, went to the Transvaal in 1894 or 1895.

BRITISH SUFFER HEAVY LOSS

Some Thirty Are Killed at Molderfontein, While Many Are Taken Prisoners.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 5.—The Boers captured 20 British when they rushed onto Molderfontein on January 30. The prisoners were subsequently released. Thirty British were killed or wounded.

The newly-formed guard for the Rand mine left Stellenbosch for Johannesburg Wednesday.

An order has been issued permitting the importation of goods into the Transvaal subject to a military permit.

GERMAN SYMPATHY FOR BOERS

Meeting at Frankfurt is Attended by Wildly Demonstrative Crowd of Thousands.

FRANKFURT, Feb. 5.—At a meeting of Boer sympathizers here today, attended by some 5,000 people, a resolution was adopted regarding the Boer war. The resolution, which was adopted by a large majority, declared that the Boer war was a just war and that the Boers were fighting for their rights. The resolution also called for the withdrawal of British troops from South Africa.

KING TO OPEN PARLIAMENT

No Decision Arrived At Yet as to Ceremony to Be Observed on Occasion.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Preparations are being made for the opening of Parliament by the king in person on Thursday next. No decision has yet been arrived at as to the ceremonial to be observed on this occasion, but it is expected that the proceeding will be conducted with all the pomp and circumstance of a full state.

KING IS NOT A CANCER VICTIM

Edward's Physician Characterizes Rumor as a Scandalous Invention.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Prof. Sir Felix Semon, physician for diseases of the throat to the national hospital for epilepsy and paralysis, and president of the Laryngological Society of London, says that the rumor that King Edward is suffering from cancer of the throat is a scandalous invention and that the king is in perfect health.

KIND GREETING FOR WILLIAM

London Population Shows Its Appreciation of the German Emperor.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Emperor William and King Edward arrived in London at 1:15 p. m. from Windsor and drove in an open carriage to Marlborough house, followed by the Emperor's entourage. Emperor William everywhere received the warmest welcome and exhibited every sign of pleasure.

NO LONGER GRAND MASTER

King Edward Restores High Office in Masonic Order of England.

CONFIDENCE IN UNION PACIFIC

Standard Oil Shows It by Significant Declaration of Enormous Dividend.

AFFILIATION WITH HARRIMAN SYNDICATE

This stamp of confidence ends Wall Street's attack on the Gigantic Deal and strengthens market for other railroad schemes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Much significance is attached to the declaration of the \$2,000,000 dividend of the Standard Oil company today, and Wall Street took immediate advantage of it. The declaration was followed by a general improvement in the stock market, accompanied by a rise in the price of the Standard Oil company stock.

ST. LOUIS SHOWS MR. GAGE

Secretary of Treasury Satisfied with Exposition Company's Financial Showing.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The secretary of the treasury has written to Representative Tamm, secretary of the chairman of the exposition committee, that he has received satisfactory evidence that the exposition company has received the \$10,000,000 as a prerequisite to the government aid. Secretary Gage's letter says: "I have the honor to state that there has been submitted to me satisfactory evidence that the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company has pledged from good and responsible parties aggregating more than \$10,000,000 and that by valid ordinance the company has contributed \$2,000,000, making in all the sum of \$12,000,000, which appears to be available to the exposition company as its needs may require."

THREE MORE MAY HAVE TO GO

Editors of a Trio of Spanish Papers in Manila May Need Deportation.

MANILA, Feb. 5.—A representative of the federal party, who has returned here after organizing branches in the island of Mindanao, brought forth containing 5,000 signatures of members. He says this will result in the termination of the insurrection in Mindanao.

ACCUSED OF DARK PLOTTING

Chinese Schemes to Disrupt the Harmony of the Powers as Laid Bare by German Officers.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—Captain Henz, in Der Tag, gives what purports to be a reliable account of Count von Walderssee's activity in China this far. He says that "of course Count von Walderssee has been greatly hampered all along by the conflicting interests and aims of the powers, especially those of Russia and Great Britain, as seen in the matter of railroad between Peking and Shan Hai Kwan and the matter of the Elgin and Kowloon recently and also in the Korean interests of France in the mission question."

BOARD OF TRADE EXPELS

Prominent Chicago Commission Man Charged with Cutting Standard Rates of Brokerage.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—John Dickinson of the firm of John Dickinson & Co., commission merchant, was expelled from his seat in the board of directors. The charge against him was cutting the standard commission rates set by the board. "Complaint was made first against Mr. Dickinson several months ago. On January 10, 1900, he was expelled from the board of directors of the Chicago Board of Trade today by the board of directors. The charge against him was cutting the standard commission rates set by the board. "Complaint was made first against Mr. Dickinson several months ago. On January 10, 1900, he was expelled from the board of directors of the Chicago Board of Trade today by the board of directors. The charge against him was cutting the standard commission rates set by the board."

COUNCIL FINES TAX LEVY

Thirty-Four Mills is Decided Upon for the Current Year.

POPPLITON BECOMES SOMEWHAT WRATHY

Taxpayers' Committee Walks Out to Indicate Contempt for the Council's Action—How Money Will Be Apportioned.

The city council decided at last night's meeting to levy a tax of 34 mills for the year 1901. This is 1 mill less than it was at first thought would be necessary to defray the expenses of the city. Six and one-half mills are levied for schools and 27 1/2 mills for general purposes.

GOES TO PRISON FOR LIFE

Henry Yousey, Convicted of Participation in Gobel Murder, Declines to Appeal.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Feb. 5.—Henry E. Yousey was arraigned before Circuit Judge Campbell this afternoon and sentenced to life imprisonment. He said: "I am innocent. I have been convicted by base and infamous subornations of perjury." His appeal will be taken and the prisoner will be taken to the state's prison in a day or two.

LIVES LOST IN HOTEL FIRE

Several Injured by Jumping from Upper Stories of the Structure.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Two persons were killed and three fatally injured in a fire which totally destroyed the Exchange Hotel, a structure of 10 stories. The fire started about 1 o'clock and spread rapidly. The fire department was called for and the fire was extinguished about 2 o'clock. The fire started in the kitchen and spread to the other parts of the hotel. The fire department was called for and the fire was extinguished about 2 o'clock. The fire started in the kitchen and spread to the other parts of the hotel.

SCALE COMMITTEE GIVES UP

Refers Its Troubles Back to the Convention of Miners and Operators.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 5.—The joint scale committee of the miners and operators' conference about noon today decided that they could not agree on any of the numerous propositions which they have had under consideration for the last three days. They decided to refer the whole matter back to the convention, a session of which was called for 1 o'clock this afternoon. Up to this time everyone of the numerous propositions which have been submitted by the miners have been turned down.

M'PHERSON RUNS ON A REEF

United States Transport in a Precarious Position West of Matanzas.

HAVANA, Feb. 5.—The United States transport McPherson ran about half its length on a reef, eight miles west of Matanzas, in a fog yesterday morning, while en route from New York to Matanzas. The ship was in four feet of water, but its bow is four feet out of water. All the passengers were transferred into the ship's boats and the freight is being unloaded.

M'COY'S PARENTS DIVORCED

Woman States on Witness Stand that She Does Not Believe in Marriage Relation.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 5.—The county court today granted a divorce to Francis M. Selby, from Mary Selby. The parties were divorced because of the wife's infidelity. The wife testified that she did not believe in the marriage relation.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair, Variable Winds.

Hour	Temp.	Wind	Dir.	Bar.
6 a. m.	34	W	10	30.1
9 a. m.	38	W	10	30.1
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TO END THE DEADLOCK

Long Step is Taken Toward Settlement of the Nebraska Senatorial Problem.

REPUBLICANS IN JOINT CONFERENCE

Committee Chosen to Deliver Rules for a Nominating Caucus.

REPRESENTS NEARLY ALL CANDIDATES

Report is Expected Tonight and Outlook is for Harmonious Action.

METHOD OF BALLOTING ALONE IN DISPUTE

Renewed Activity in Fusion Camp Indicates an Effort to Control the Election of two "Harmless" Republicans.

LINCOLN, Feb. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—A long step toward the settlement of the senatorial problem was made this afternoon when the republican members in general conference appointed a committee to determine and recommend rules and conditions for a nominating caucus. The committee chosen for this duty represents practically all of the candidates and is intended to be evenly and impartially divided as to the various terms as far as proposed. But a majority of the members of the legislature has within the last few days shown an inclination to get together on a common ground. It is not at all improbable that the deliberations of the committee may be the foundation for a subsequent agreement that will be acceptable to all concerned.

The conference was held in the senate chamber immediately after the adjournment of the two houses. Nearly all the republican members were present except those who were out of the city and the proceedings were of an especially harmonious nature. Speaker Sears presided and on motion of Senator Newell was authorized to name the rules committee. His selection was announced before the meeting adjourned, the men chosen being Senators Newell and Harlan, and Representatives Cain, Rohrer, Gallogly, Mead and Tweed. Several members urged the necessity of immediate action in the senatorial matter, but no definite proposals of conditions were made. The conference adjourned to meet again tomorrow night, at which time a report is expected from the committee.

Practically the only question in dispute is the method to be pursued in balloting in the caucus. The committee is about evenly divided on this subject, but it is believed that a majority may agree on one proposition. While it is not probable that a recommendation signed by the committee will be accepted tomorrow night, it is nevertheless possible that a satisfactory agreement, based on a majority report, may be reached within the next three or four days.

There were several reports to republican candidates. One man, speaking authoritatively, said it was the opinion of many minority members that the fusionists could control the election of two republicans and that with his idea in mind they would unite with the fusionists. Just who these "harmless republicans" are no one has disclosed, and the fusion leaders refuse to discuss their identity. The plan is generally looked upon as a trick to injure certain candidates, but there is little belief that it will meet with any success, whatever may be the actual move.

NEW APPOINTMENT BILL

Representative Gain of Richardson County Introduced a New Appointment Bill Today.

It gives Douglas county four senators and thirteen representatives and places in a "float" another district with Otse, Cass and Barry counties.

Governor Dietrich today affirmed his signature to house bill 88, introduced by Late of Lancaster, and as the bill contained an emergency clause it immediately became a law. The act provides for the retention of the present method of drawing jurors for courts in Lancaster county.

GOVERNING PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES

House Roll 256, Introduced by Representative McCarthy of Dixon County, Authorizes the Board of Purchase and Supplies to Buy Supplies for State Institutions in Quantities Large Enough to Last One Year.

A law containing similar provisions has been in effect in Iowa for many years and has resulted in the saving of many thousands of dollars. Since the bill was introduced in the house some of the fusion members have questioned the motive of the introduction and even charged that the measure was introduced for the purpose of enabling the state board to "enter into jobs with merchants." The bill is endorsed by the supporters of the measure, that it will greatly reduce the amount paid annually for supplies. Under the existing law supplies must be purchased separately for each institution. According to the terms of the proposed measure the board could purchase direct from the manufacturer in whole or in part, at wholesale prices, and the bill authorizes all supplies of a kind, for all institutions, to be purchased in one quantity.

ZOAR IS ZOAR NO MORE

Historic Ohio Village, Settled by Colonists a Century Ago, Loses Its Peculiar Government.

CANAL, Dover, Feb. 5.—The last act completing the dissolution of the Society of Colonists at the historic village of Zoar, which disintegration was begun over two years ago, was consummated yesterday when the last surviving and apportionment was made. Not only the buildings in the town, but also 7,000 acres of land have been apportioned. The valuation of properties received by each member averaged \$5,000.

SENATOR BILL INVITED SOUTH

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